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Applicant(s): Mann, et al.

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Title: **6-MIRROR MICROLOTHOGRAPHY PROJECTION OBJECTIVE**

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(i) an application claiming a benefit of a filing date of a prior-filed application must be amended to include a reference to the prior-filed application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii), such reference is considered timely if made within four months of the filing date of the later-filed application.

The present application has a filing date of August 1, 2001. Therefore, a claim to a filing date of a prior-filed application is considered timely if made by December 1, 2001.

On November 14, 2001, Applicants mailed a preliminary amendment to provide a reference to several prior-filed applications.

On November 30, 2001, Applicants mailed a declaration that included an affirmative claim to priority of the several prior-filed applications.

Applicants are submitting herewith, a copy of:

- (a) the preliminary amendment with a certificate of mailing showing that it was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on November 14, 2001;
- (b) a return postcard for the preliminary amendment showing a USPTO date stamp of January 11, 2002;
- (c) the declaration with a certificate of mailing showing that it was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on November 30, 2001; and
- (d) a return postcard for the declaration showing a USPTO date stamp of December 12, 2001.

Applicants respectfully submit that since both of the preliminary amendment and the declaration were mailed before December 1, 2001, Applicants' claims to priority were timely filed. Accordingly, Applicants are requesting a corrected filing receipt.

More specifically, Applicants are requesting that the filing receipt state that the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/503,640, filed February 14, 2000, and that the present application also claims priorities of (a) German Patent Application No. 100 37 870.6, filed August 1, 2000, (b) European Patent Application No. 01116916.6, filed July 11, 2001, and (c) U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/255,214, filed December 13, 2000.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any such fees, if necessary to Deposit Account No. 01-0467 in the name of Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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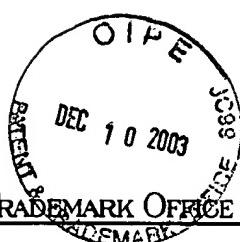
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